



MMCM James Campbell

Command Master Chief

United States Navy

Master Chief Petty Officer Campbell joined the U.S. Navy in 1976 attending Recruit and Apprentice Training.

Upon completion of initial Basic Training, he was assigned to the USS Simon Lake (AS-33) from 1977 to 1980. During this tour he qualified as Quality Assurance Inspector, O2 Clean Worker and as a Repair Locker Team Leader. As a member of the Repair Department, he participated in numerous repairs to various class submarines supporting North Atlantic and Mediterranean deployments resulting in the ship receiving the Repair "R." In 1979 he became a pioneer and honorary plank owner in opening the Trident Submarine Base. He was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation, Repair Department Sailor of the Month and was advanced to Third Class Petty Officer.

In 1980 he was assigned to the USS Canopus (AS-34) until 1983. During this tour, he qualified as Quality Assurance Inspector, O2 Clean worker and as a Repair Locker Team Leader. As a member of the Repair Department, he participated in numerous repairs to various class submarines supporting North Atlantic and Mediterranean deployments resulting in the Repair Department receiving the Battle Efficiency Repair "R." He was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Battle Efficiency "E" and advanced to Second Class Petty Officer.

In 1983 he volunteered for submarine duty and reported for training to Basic Enlisted Submarine School. During this period, he was assigned as Section Leader and graduated with honors "highest grade point average" in his class.

Later in 1983, he was assigned to the USS Casmir Pulaski (SSBN 633B) where he was stationed until 1987. During this tour, he qualified Duty Chief, Chief of the Watch and Diving Officer of the Watch and was assigned as the Auxiliary Division Leading Petty Officer. He completed eight Strategic Deterrent Patrols and was awarded a Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Battle Efficiency "E" and was advanced to First Class Petty Officer.

In 1987, he volunteered for orders to Recruit Training Command and served as a Recruit Company Commander until 1991. During this tour, he lead six recruit companies, two of which earned the Commanding Officer's "Color Company" award and four of which earned "Honor Company" distinctions. While assigned to Fire Fighting Training Unit, he wrote the Standard Operating Procedure for the prototype fire-fighting device and became a plank owner. He was awarded his second Navy Achievement Medal, qualified Master Training Specialist and was advanced to Chief Petty Officer.

Later in 1991 he transferred and served on board the USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709) until 1997 as the Auxiliaryman Leading Chief Petty Officer. He extended his tour at sea for three years and became the ship's 3M Coordinator. During his tour, he qualified Duty Chief, Chief of the Watch and Diving Officer of the Watch. He was awarded two Battle Efficiency "E", Meritorious Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Service Medal, two Expeditionary Medals, his third, fourth and fifth Navy Achievement Medals, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and was advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officer.

In 1997, he transferred to SIMA Norfolk Pump Regional Repair Center served as the Production Officer. After a year he was selected as the Senior Submarine Supervisor. During this tour, he qualified Command Duty Officer and Repair Duty Officer. He was awarded his second Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation and was advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer. His talents and expertise were requested back at sea, so he terminated shore duty three months early.

In 2000, he transferred to the USS Minneapolis-St Paul (SSN-708) and served as the Leading Auxiliary Division Master Chief. During this tour, he qualified Duty Chief, Chief of the Watch and Diving Officer of the Watch. He was awarded a Silver Star in lieu of his sixth Navy Achievement Medal, his seventh Navy Achievement Medal and Battle Efficiency "E."

In 2003, Master Chief Campbell transferred to Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Norfolk and was immediately assigned as Branch Head Manager of the Organizational Maintenance Management System Next Generation/Relational Admin (OMMS-NG/R-ADM). In December 2003, he was selected as the Command Master Chief.

He has earned the designation as Submarine Warfare, Strategic Deterrent Patrol (8 Patrols) and Master Training Specialist. Personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (seven awards), Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal (five awards), Battle "E" (five awards), Navy Expeditionary Medal (two awards), Armed Forces Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and numerous campaign and unit awards.